

WHAT DO YOU THINK?

3rd DISTRICT LEGISLATIVE SURVEY

Rep. Timm Ormsby

Rep. Alex Wood

Dear Friends and Neighbors,

By the time you read this, the 2004 session of the state Legislature will be well underway. During the 60 days we've been allotted to do the people's business, we'll write a supplemental budget to fine-tune the operating budget drawn up last year. We'll try to reach some sort of agreement on a new primary-election model to replace the beloved blanket primary that has been thrown out by the federal courts as unconstitutional.

We and our fellow House Democrats will pursue an agenda designed to beef up Washington's economy and raise the standard of living for everyone. We'll attack this goal from three angles:

- Working to create good-paying jobs with real benefits;
- Improving Washington's schools, from kindergarten through graduate school; and
- Making health care available and affordable for all.

That's an ambitious agenda, and we realize that there will be plenty of work to do next year, and the year after that, and for as far into the future as we can see. And as always, most of the real work will be done by you, not by lawmakers.

That's why we've designed the survey you'll find inside. We'd like to know what you think about many of today's most prominent issues. We'll tabulate the results as soon as your responses reach us. Please take a few moments to answer these questions, then refold the sheet, tape or staple it, and send it back to us. We'll use those results as a resource here at the Capitol, and we'll summarize them for you in the next 3rd-district newsletter.

Thanks, and please stay in touch.



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Jobs

■ Do you know anyone who's lost their job?

☐ Yes ☐ No

■ Are you worried about getting laid off?

☐ Yes ☐ No

■ What should we do to create jobs?

Improve schools and universities

☐ Yes ☐ No

Fix traffic gridlock

☐ Yes ☐ No

Make health care more affordable

☐ Yes ☐ No

Better training and retraining for workers

☐ Yes ☐ No

■ Do you think the Legislature was right to do all it could in order to convince Boeing to build its new jet in Washington State?

☐ Yes ☐ No

■ Do you think offering tax incentives is a good way to help businesses succeed?

☐ Yes ☐ No

■ If so, would you still feel that way if it meant less funding for schools and health care?

☐ Yes ☐ No

Traffic

■ How do you get to work or school?

☐ Drive alone ☐ Carpool or vanpool
☐ Bus ☐ Walk ☐ Bike ☐ Telecommute



■ How long does it take you (one way)?

☐ Less than 10 minutes

☐ Less than 20 minutes

☐ Up to a half-hour

☐ A half hour to an hour

☐ More than an hour

■ What reforms do you support?

Tax breaks for carpools and vanpools

☐ Yes ☐ No

Better bus service

☐ Yes ☐ No

More sidewalks, trails and bike lanes

☐ Yes ☐ No

Extra lanes on the highway

☐ Yes ☐ No

Health care

■ Do you have health insurance?

☐ Yes ☐ No

■ If so, are you worried about losing your health insurance?

☐ Yes ☐ No

■ Have you had difficulty finding a doctor to take care of you or your family?

☐ Yes ☐ No

■ Do you know anyone who has trouble paying for their

prescription medicine?

☐ Yes ☐ No

■ Should we save taxpayer money by buying medicines from Canada,



even though the Bush administration wants to prevent this?

☐ Yes ☐ No

Education

■ Do you have children or grandchildren in our public schools?

☐ Yes ☐ No

■ Are you worried about your children or grandchildren getting into college?

☐ Yes ☐ No

■ Are you worried that your children or grandchildren won't have the money to pay tuition?

☐ Yes ☐ No



■ Are the following reforms a good idea?

Prevent teacher strikes with binding arbitration

☐ Yes ☐ No

Divert taxpayer money from public schools to private schools with vouchers

☐ Yes ☐ No

Authorize the establishment of a limited number of charter schools

☐ Yes ☐ No

Make a Promise Scholarship cover the full cost of tuition

☐ Yes ☐ No

Taxes

■ Do you think our tax system is fair to the middle class and working families?

☐ Yes ☐ No

DISTRICT 3 – LEGISLATIVE SURVEY

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■ What reforms do you support?

Give every homeowner a home-
stead exemption on property taxes

☐ Yes ☐ No

Expand the senior property tax
exemption

☐ Yes ☐ No

Make taxes more predictable and
less confusing

☐ Yes ☐ No

Cut some taxes and change to user
fees

☐ Yes ☐ No

Crime

■ Do you feel safe in your neighborhood?

☐ Yes ☐ No

■ What crimes worry you most?

Home burglary: ☐ Yes ☐ No

Car theft: ☐ Yes ☐ No

Drug dealing: ☐ Yes ☐ No

Crimes against children:

☐ Yes ☐ No

Rape: ☐ Yes ☐ No

Assault/Murder: ☐ Yes ☐ No

■ Which reforms do you support?

Use drug courts to motivate addicts
to kick the habit

☐ Yes ☐ No

Identify problem kids and pay now
for services that could prevent a life
of crime

☐ Yes ☐ No

Longer sentences for violent crime,
shorter sentences for drugs

☐ Yes ☐ No

■ It is more important than ever for state government to spend the people's money efficiently and focus on true priorities. Please tell us **your** priorities by ranking the following state responsibilities from 1 to 8 in order of importance, with "1" being the most important, "8" the least important:

___ Education

___ Public safety

___ Jobs/Economy

___ Environment

___ Higher education

___ Social services

___ Health care

___ Transportation

___ Other? _____

Thanks for completing this questionnaire. If you have other ideas, comments or questions about legislative issues, please provide us with the optional contact information below. You can also contact us at any time via email, postal mail or phone.

Name _____

Address _____

E-mail _____

Comments: _____

**You're invited
to the
3rd District
Town Hall.**

Please join Timm, Alex and
Sen. Lisa Brown to hear a report
on the 2004 Legislature and to
talk about the issues affecting
you and your family.

Saturday, February 28

10 - 11:30 a.m.

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Timm who?

Timm **Ormsby**. After ably representing the 3rd district for the better part of a decade, Jeff Gombosky resigned from the

House a few months ago, and I was appointed by the Spokane County Commissioners to serve as your new state representative until next fall. Although this newsletter is about you, not me, I want to take a minute to introduce myself to those of you I have not yet met.

I was born and raised in Spokane, graduating from North Central High School. I'm married with three kids and I work for a living: I've been a proud union cement mason for many years. I'm a member of OP&CMIA Local 72, and I'm currently the president. I serve as secretary/treasurer of the Northeastern Washington – Northern Idaho Building & Construction Trades Council, and am president of the Spokane Regional Labor Council.

As you can see, I believe strongly in the dignity of working people; it is one of my core values. Here in Olympia, the halls of the Capitol are full of lobbyists who work exclusively for business – which is fine and important. I believe in a healthy business climate, and their organizations should be heard. But far too often the voice of the working person — and even more often, the voice of the unemployed — is not heard.

When I'm at home in Spokane, we talk about good jobs. Health care. Education. If that's what matters when I'm at home, it should matter in the House, too, and that's what I'm planning to talk about over here in Olympia throughout my first session as a state lawmaker. I'm proud to be one of your representatives. I look forward to serving with and learning from my fellow 3rd-district legislators, Rep. Alex Wood and Sen. Lisa Brown.

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